IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): A wireless communication apparatus, comprising:

a storage to store a plurality of images;

a reception unit configured to receive a plurality of image acquisition requests within a predetermined time, the requests being transmitted from another wireless communication apparatus in accordance with a camera control protocol for exchanging information relating to images;

a selection unit configured to select, in response to the image acquisition requests, one of the plurality of images stored in the storage and to output information relating to the one of the plurality of images until the predetermined time elapses; and

a transmission unit configured to transmit at least one response to the another wireless communication apparatus in accordance with the camera control protocol, where the information outputted from the selection unit is contained in the response.

Claim 2 (Original): The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the selection unit selects the one of the plurality of images randomly.

Claim 3 (Original): The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the information relating to the one of the plurality of images that is selected by the selection unit comprises one of information on image contents, information on processed image contents and information on image attributes.

Claim 4 (Original): The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the transmission unit transmits a set of responses to the another wireless communication apparatus in response to a

series of continuous image acquisition requests from the another wireless communication

apparatus, the set of responses containing identical information relating to the one of the

plurality of images that is selected by the selection unit.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The apparatus according to claim 4, further

comprising:

a timer which starts when a first one of the series of continuous image acquisition

requests is received, and

wherein the transmission unit continues to transmit the set of responses unless the

timer times out.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The apparatus according to claim 4, further

comprising a measurement unit configured to compare a first time with a second time to

measure a time difference, the first time being a time at which the reception unit has received

a first image acquisition request, and the second time being a time at which the reception unit

has received a second image acquisition request following the first image acquisition request,

and

wherein the selection unit is configured to select another image, when the time

difference is not more than a threshold.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The apparatus according to claim 1, further

comprising:

a first determination unit configured to determine whether or not the one of the

plurality of image acquisition requests requests identification information on an image; and

a second determination unit configured to determine whether or not the image has already been selected by the selection unit, and

wherein if the second determination unit determines that the image has already been selected by the selection unit, the transmission unit transmits the corresponding identification information on the image instead of currently selecting another image and transmitting a current identification information on the image.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising:

a timer which starts when the image acquisition request, requesting the identification information on the image, is received, and

wherein the transmission unit continues to transmit the corresponding identification information on the image unless the timer times out.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): A wireless communication method, comprising:

storing a plurality of images in a storage of a wireless communication apparatus;

receiving a plurality of image acquisition requests within a predetermined time, the requests being transmitted from another wireless communication apparatus in accordance with a camera control protocol for exchanging information relating to images;

selecting, in response to the image acquisition requests, one of the plurality of images stored in the storage and outputting information relating to the one of the plurality of images until the predetermined time elapses; and

transmitting at least one response to the another wireless communication apparatus in accordance with the camera control protocol, where the information relating to the one of the plurality of images is contained in the response.

Claim 10 (Original): The method according to claim 9, wherein the one of the plurality of images is selected randomly from the plurality of images.

Claim 11 (Original): The method according to claim 9, wherein the information relating to the one of the plurality of images comprises one of information on image contents, information on processed image contents, and information on image attributes.

Claim 12 (Original): The method according to claim 9, wherein the transmitting includes transmitting a set of responses that contain identical information relating to the one of the plurality of images to the another wireless communication apparatus, in response to a series of continuous image acquisition requests from the another wireless communication apparatus.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 12, further comprising:

starting a timer when a first one of the series of continuous image acquisition requests is received, and

continuing to transmit the set of responses unless the timer times out.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 12, further comprising comparing a time at which a first image acquisition request has been received with a time at which a second image acquisition request has been received following the first image acquisition request in order to measure a time difference, and

wherein the selecting the one of the plurality of images includes selecting another image, when the time difference is not more than a threshold.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 9, further comprising:

determining whether or not one of the image acquisition requests requests identification information on an image; and

determining whether or not the image has already been selected, and

wherein if the image has already been selected, then:

transmitting the corresponding identification information on the image instead of currently selecting another image and transmitting a current identification information on the image.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 15, further comprising:

starting a timer when one of the image acquisition requests, requesting the identification information on the image, is received, and

continuing to transmit the corresponding identification information on the image unless the timer times out.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A computer program stored in a computer readable medium, the program comprising:

means for instructing a computer to store a plurality of images in a storage of a wireless communication apparatus;

means for instructing the computer to receive [[an]] a plurality of image acquisition

request requests within a predetermined time, the requests being transmitted from another

wireless communication apparatus in accordance with a camera control protocol for

exchanging information relating to images;

means for instructing the computer to select, in response to the image acquisition

request requests, one of the plurality of images stored in the storage and outputting

information relating to the one of the plurality of images until the predetermined time elapses;

and

means for instructing the computer to transmit a response to the another wireless

communication apparatus in accordance with the camera control protocol, where the

information relating to the one of the plurality of images is contained in the response.

Claim 18 (Original): The program according to claim 17, wherein the one of the

plurality of images is selected randomly from the plurality of images.

Claim 19 (Original): The program according to claim 17, wherein the information

relating to the one of the plurality of images comprises one of information on image contents,

information on processed image contents, and information on image attributes.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The program according to claim 17, wherein a set

of responses that contain identical information relating to the one of the plurality of images is

transmitted to the another wireless communication apparatus, in response to a series of

continuous image acquisition requests.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The program according to claim 20, further comprising:

means for instructing the computer to start a timer when a first one of the series of continuous image acquisition requests is received, and

means for instructing the computer to continue to transmit the set of responses unless the timer times out.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The program according to claim 20, further comprising means for instructing the computer to compare a time at which a first image acquisition request has been received with a time at which a second image acquisition request has been received following the first image acquisition request in order to measure a time difference, and

wherein the same image as a previous image is selected until a specific time elapses, when the time difference is not more than a threshold.

Claim 23 (Original): The program according to claim 17, further comprising:

means for instructing the computer to determine whether or not the image acquisition request requests identification information on an image;

means for instructing the computer to determine whether or not the image has already been selected; and

means for instructing the computer to transmit the corresponding identification information on the image if the image has already been selected, instead of currently selecting another image and transmitting a current identification information on the image.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The program according to claim 17, further comprising:

means for instructing the computer to start a timer when the image acquisition request, requesting the identification information on the image, is received, and

means for instructing the computer to continue to transmit the corresponding identification information on the image unless the timer times out.